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1ST SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Carbon Cost Act of
3 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. STUDY OF ALTERNATIVES FOR A CONGRESSIONAL**
5 **OFFICE TO PROJECT THE NET GREENHOUSE**
6 **GAS EMISSIONS LIKELY TO BE CAUSED BY**
7 **FEDERAL LEGISLATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
10 of the United States, in coordination with the National
11 Academy of Sciences, shall—

12 (1) study alternatives for a nonpartisan con-
13 gressional office or agency—

14 (A) to make thorough, science-based pro-
15 jections on whether the enactment, full funding,
16 and implementation of particular Federal legis-
17 lation are likely to cause a net increase or de-
18 crease in global greenhouse gas emissions over
19 a specified period; and

20 (B) to quantify any such projected increase
21 or decrease; and

22 (2) submit a report to the Congress containing
23 the results of such study, including recommenda-
24 tions.

25 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The study under subsection
26 (a) shall address each of the following:

1 (1) Whether a new office or agency should be
2 established for purposes of carrying out the func-
3 tions described in subsection (a)(1), or whether such
4 functions should be vested in one or more existing
5 offices or agencies.

6 (2) How to ensure the office or agency remains
7 nonpartisan and science-focused.

8 (3) How to involve governmental and private
9 experts, including—

10 (A) whether Federal officers and employ-
11 ees should be detailed to the office or agency
12 carrying out the functions described in sub-
13 section (a)(1); and

14 (B) how to involve appropriate experts in
15 the analysis of projected greenhouse gas emis-
16 sions from each of the following: electric power
17 generation; transportation; residential, commer-
18 cial, and industrial fuel use; natural gas and oil
19 systems; coal mining and abandoned mines; ag-
20 riculture; industrial processes; land use, land
21 use change, and forestry; and waste manage-
22 ment.

23 (4) Lessons that can be learned from State leg-
24 islatures that have successfully implemented carbon
25 scoring for legislative proposals.